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Pahokee Elks Lodge will be having a New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. with a D.J. Admission is free for Elks members and their guests.

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New Year's Eve Concert

The City of South Bay and Street Beat presents a New Year's Eve Concert featuring Street Beat and other local guests. You are invited to attend for a New Year's Eve Celebration at on Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the City Hall building in South Bay. Bring your own chair.

Flea market

Pahokee Elks Lodge will be having a Flea Market on Jan. 6 and Jan. 13. The tables will rent for \$5 each from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be hot dogs and coffee for sale.

Call the lodge for more details from Tuesday to Saturday after 5 p.m. at 561-924-7727.

Community Awareness Forum

The community is invited to attend an HIV/AIDS

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Street Beat to perform in New Year's Eve Concert

By Tracy Whirls

The musicians, singers, dancers and actors involved in Street Beat will perform in a New Year's Eve Concert, sponsored by the City of South Bay, Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 12:31 p.m. on the front lawn of the South Bay City Hall.

Since September 1996, Street Beat, Inc. has strived to "reclaim the city through the arts," by changing the lives of its participants. Although the youth, ages 5-18, are trained in music, both chorus and instrumental, dance, and drama, what they are really learning, according to executive director Ken Jackson, is life.

"The program is designed to train individuals to become self-reliant by focusing on commitment, responsibility, accountability and personal development through the discipline of the arts," Mr. Jackson said. "Students channel their creative and physical abilities toward meaningful accomplishments and it allows them to develop the life skills to succeed at school, within the family and at the community and job level."

Street Beat was born as the result of a brainstorming session between Mr. Jackson and his wife.

"I had taught school for 13 years and I was teaching band at Lake Shore Middle School.

Every year I had kids come in who were academically challenged and by the end of the year they were performing well," Mr. Jackson said. "I realized what a positive impact band and chorus had on their grades and their attitude."

"But every year it was more difficult to get kids ready to learn and I realized we had to do something to engage kids in elementary school, instead of rehabilitating them in middle school," he said.

What started as a program with 24 children based in a church in the city of South Bay has now grown to involve more than 200 children enrolled at different schools throughout the Glades. While the current program site for elementary students is located at Rosenwald Elementary in South Bay, Street Beat is taking its unique instructional program on the road, and is now working with youth at Sago Palm Academy and is in contract negotiations with Glade View Elementary to offer the program there and in discussions with the Area 4 Superintendent's Office to offer the program at other schools in the Glades.

"People told us it wouldn't happen," Mr. Jackson said, as he struggled to raise funds to finance the program. "My success in the band program and being a home boy helped."

Now the program is funded by a multitude of different support-

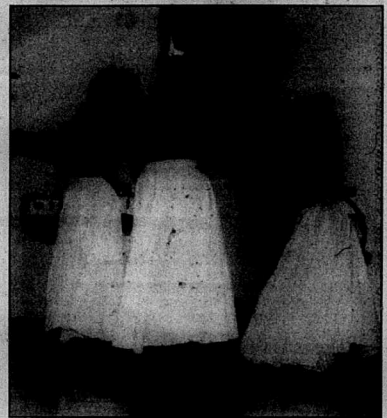
ers included the Children's Services Council, the MacArthur Foundation, Palm Beach County Cultural Council and Palm Beach County School District to name a few.

Supporters and volunteers buy into the program, Mr. Jackson said, because it works.

"It's a super program to have in schools, because kids grades have been changing a lot," Mr. Jackson said. "The kids who graduated from the program last year, 100 percent of them earned scholarships in the music and the arts."

The program has four full time employees and one part time employee. Besides Mr. Jackson, these include program manager Ann Marie Robinson, artistic director Frantz Guadano, office manager Rita McKinney and Peter Burnett, who's in charge of resource development. The program also has 13 contracted artists, many of whom travel from West Palm Beach daily to volunteer their time to work with local youth in music, drama and dance.

Last year we had 10,000 volunteer hours, which is quite a lot for an organization this size. We have high school students who have been through the program, who come in during the summer to give back to the elementary group," Mr. Jackson said. "The program involves kids from age five through college — when they graduate they don't just stop."



Photo/Tracy Whirls
Members of the Street Beat elementary school dance troupe "Unity" performed an African dance during the group's recital at Rosenwald last Wednesday. Both the elementary and high school groups will perform during a concert New Year's Eve at South Bay City Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Pioneer Park Elementary students using computers to e-mail their homework

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

While for most second graders the expression "on-line" might mean lining up at the door of a computer store, for a select group of students at Pioneer Park and their teacher are "on-line" with their homework assignments and on target for a head start in today's high tech world.

William Smith, a second-grade teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary has implemented a method of grading his students' work at home and facilitating communication with parents by way of e-mail. Four children in his class are participating in sending their homework to the teacher via e-mail and more are expected to get connected to this new way of teaching.

"I discovered that I had four students in my class with internet connections at the house and several other students who have computers at home, they're still trying to work up their connections at the house," said Mr. Smith. "I'm the webmaster of the school's e-mail system and before I came to Pioneer Park, I had a special page up with homework for the kids at that school. I started putting homework up several weeks ago on the



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classroom web page and created a link so the students could just have to click on that and they can e-mail their homework to the teacher. It's a great way to get the rest of the class-room has. The only difference is that the kids who have their internet connections at home.

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A look back at the year that was

January 6 - The suspect in the July, 1999 shooting death of a Pahokee High School student was himself found shot to death Jan. 2 in Pahokee.

Burnice Moore, 48, was found laying face down in a homemade shelter near the southwest corner of West 4th Street and Rardin Ave. He had multiple gunshot wounds to the torso.

January 13 - Congressman Marc Foley met for over two hours with community leaders and concerned citizens at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Speakeheaded by Donald Garrett and a group called "Citizens for a Better Community," the event allowed residents to ask questions of the congressman and it was a forum for them to express their concerns about local issues.

January 20 - A prickly feeling came over Adrian Verren when he stepped out of his home about 9 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 as he was leaving to pick up a pizza.

He said the premonition caused him to swing around just in time to see two men wearing ski masks and heavy coats rushing him from behind.

January 27 - A 6-year-old Belle Glade boy watched helplessly as his mother's boyfriend stabbed his mother to death on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Det. Matthew Sweet said the child, Jonathan Alcin, was able to describe what happened after his mother's murder.

February 3 - A mobile home fire in Horseshoe Acres in Glades County Saturday, Jan. 29, has left devastation in its wake and two families to cope with the tragic loss of two small children.

Eight-month-old Alyssa Britt and 16-month-old Patricia Britt died in the fire which law enforcement officials believe began with a lighter in the hands of a young child.

February 10 - Securing grant money for the many projects of the City of Belle Glade wants and needs to do might get easier, if the city can find someone who'll work without a guaranteed salary and be answerable to five bosses.

City commissioners voted at Monday night's commission meeting to pursue a grants coordinator. Mayor Miller said she wants the person hired to answer only to the city commissioners, not City Manager W. Shelton Smith. She also said she did not want to see the city pay a salary to the coordinator, but the person should generate their own salary through the grants they secured.

February 17 - The sisters of the late Vinson Henderson formally presented the City of Pahokee a \$1 million endowment for the Port Mayaca Cemetery Tuesday.

A half-time resident and supporter of the Glades, in 1993 Mr. Henderson donated \$125,000 to the cemetery in honor of his wife to build a mausoleum. When Mr. Henderson died at the age of 78 in

April 1995, the remaining \$875,000 was received by the city. The funds will remain invested for the perpetual care of the cemetery and the city will utilize the interest from the investment to make annual improvements to the cemetery.

February 24 - Pahokee residents will likely face a tax increase for storm water treatment, representatives of the East Beach Water Control District told members of the Pahokee Commission at their regular meeting Tuesday night. The increase may come once construction of a new pump station and drainage system, mandated by the state, is completed.

According to Howard Searcy, engineer for the East Beach Water Control District, storm water that has historically been pumped into Lake Okechobee from Pahokee and other areas around the lake, will be diverted to the West Palm Beach Canal by way of a seven-mile canal that will be constructed along the railroad track. Because the land is lower to the south, the district will have to install pumping stations to reverse the flow of storm water from the lake to the east. Storm water from the southern lake district bordered by SR 441 will also be diverted to the West Palm Beach Canal.

March 2 - Four Glades area teachers are among 24 finalists in the Economic Council's William Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education.

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Campers find Pahokee Campground by accident, return year after year

By Tracy Whirls

Some of the campers at the Pahokee Marina and Campground are weekenders visiting the campground with members of an RV club. Some are "snowbirds" who will spend the winter in Pahokee before returning north and home in the spring. Others are full time campers, wintering in Pahokee and traveling to more northern campgrounds in the spring. All of them say they discovered the campground by accident and most have been returning to Pahokee every year for many years.

Jan and Charlie Herndon of Nebraska, a retired Veterans Administration Hospital administrator and retired military officer have been visiting the Pahokee Campground each year for the past eight years.

"We were in the area on a three week vacation and we found this place by accident. We saw the sign and came in. When we returned we came back for three months," Mrs. Herndon said. In 1993, when they retired, the couple decided to sell their home and become full time campers.

"We had acreage out in the country, but no family close and we didn't think it was fair to ask someone to check on it," Mrs. Herndon said. "We told the kids they could have whatever they wanted and they loaded it up and we just had a yard sale for the rest of it."

"When we decided to sell the place, we decided we wanted to spend six months here," said Mrs. Herndon. The couple spend their summers visiting their children in Nebraska, Wyoming and California.

Although they have been camping throughout the 48 continental United States, Mrs. Herndon said the Pahokee campground is the best they've found.

Asked why she prefers Pahokee, she cites the campground's proximity to downtown

Pahokee, where campers can easily walk to the grocery store, library or post office from the campground.

"We like the people better, the spaces are better. It's right on the lake and that's the most beautiful sunset" Mrs. Herndon said. Albert and Pauline Ash, a retired Greyhound bus driver and chemical engineer, also full time campers, agree.

"We love sitting here looking out on the water, watching the others come by playing — yesterday four came by all together," Mrs. Ash said. When the couple retired they were living in Rafael, S.C., although Mr. Ash is originally from Mississippi and Mrs. Ash is from Arkansas. "Since it wasn't home for either of us, we decided to just sell everything and travel. We visited all 50 states, even took the motor home all the way up to Alaska, but we always look forward to coming back here for the winter. So many of the people in the campground have been coming for 10 or 12 years. The kind of people you meet camping in the way people were 50 years ago. They're all friendly, all well behaved."

While moving from a four bedroom house to a motor home took some adjusting, Mrs. Ash pointed out, "It may be cramped, but your front room is as big as all out doors."

With the dille on one side and Lake Okechobee on the other, Lorraine and Charlie Whitaker of Deerfield Beach say the campground gives them the feeling of wide open spaces.

The couple are members of the Sunbirds RV Club in Margate and visit the Pahokee campground at least once a year, sometimes as part of the group, whose visits are arranged by a "wagon master" who plans the trips and makes reservations, sometimes on their own.

"We love this campground. We

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they can e-mail their homework. The ones who don't have to do it long hand."

This is Mr. Smith's fifth year teaching and fourth at Pioneer Park Elementary. Mr. Smith first used computers as a teaching tool when he worked at Country Oaks Elementary in Labele.

Mr. Smith cites many benefits to using the Internet as an academic instrument. "One benefit is I get their homework the night before, because they send it to my home and the school here. When they come in, I know exactly what I want to do with it so we can do revisions, revise and edit their sentences."

"One of my students came in this morning and I knew exactly what she was going to do for her morning work because I saw her homework the night before so I knew what I wanted to discuss with her about her homework."

Mr. Smith said one of the benefits he didn't expect was the constant interaction and dialogue he has enjoyed with the parents of the four children. Because the parents don't have a lot of time from work to go to the school, using a computer to discuss content and questions about the work regarding their child's performance at school is an ideal way of keeping track of their children and communicating with the teacher.

"Parents care, they make sacrifices for their children. In spite of anything which might be said, parents here do care," said Mr. Smith.

Now, Mr. Smith's class is the only class at Pioneer Park to use computers for sending homework, but that may soon change as other people are taking time. One of the parents of the four children is part of the school's Parent

Teacher Organization. She has involved other parents get involved in having their children learn from using computers in the classroom.

Mr. Smith has also used his knowledge of computers and software to develop the first version of his own language arts software program for students. Mr. Smith completed a series of power-point lessons for the children. His class uses the software on Mondays to go over their reading and writing skills. The program is burned onto a CD and can also be accessed from the Internet for children to go over in their own homes. Different lessons can be downloaded from the web at any time. Mr. Smith is planning to revise and update his program, a three-year project.

Mr. Smith will be presenting his software program at the Florida Educational Technology Conference in Orlando next year. It will be one of the featured speakers at the annual conference that hosts 15,000 to 25,000 educators around the world. The conference is scheduled for Jan. 10-12.

The students are already seeing the positive aspects and advantages of utilizing their computers at home to facilitate content feedback with their teachers, according to Mr. Smith. "EdKara is going to Missouri tomorrow, so her mother has sent me e-mails reminding me to send her all her homework. So I do give her her homework now, her mother has three e-mails she sent me, she can come to the work and say, Mr. Smith, why didn't you send EdKara homework? I e-mailed you three times telling you to do that. That's not going to happen because we are communicating. When she goes to Missouri, she's going to have a computer, so she can be responsible for Math spelling and everything else."

By leasing 50 acres in the park, David Sims, regional managing director for Coastal's North America division, told commissioners that the company will build a power plant on the back 50 acres of the 100-acre business park. Coastal wants to set up a 500 megawatt facility which will use natural gas to produce enough electricity to serve over 175,000 households.

March 16 - Tenants at the Belle Glade community report have been served notice that the Glades agreement with Glades Airport Management, Inc. has been terminated and the city has been using natural gas to produce enough electricity to serve over 175,000 households.

Each year, the Economic Council and Education Foundation of Palm Beach County invite the county's public schools and accredited private schools to participate in the Draper Awards program. Teachers throughout the county are nominated by their peers at the individual schools for consideration as the county's best teacher in the middle school, elementary school, middle school, senior high school, special and career/community education.

March 9 - A electric power generating company is interested in building in the Belle Glade Business Park.

Representatives of Coastal Petroleum Company, based in Houston, Texas, addressed the Belle Glade City Commission Monday night about the possibility of building a power plant in the park.

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came up last New Year's with another couple and with the club. We like it because it's peaceful and quiet—we enjoy the ability to get away from it all," Mr. Whitaker said.

Dorothy Haight, 85, and her sister Elma Bracey arrived at the campground Friday and Mrs. Haight will stay until the spring. Like the other campers, the sisters are attracted by the climate and the wildlife.

"We left Wealth, Ontario it was zero and there was four inches of ice and sleet all over the fields," Mrs. Bracey said.

Having operated a flower shop for 35 years Mrs. Haight enjoys the peace and quiet Pahokee offers.

"I'm not fond of big cities. I like the little places," she said. "Last year we watched flocks of egrets flying north and south along the lake." Pahokee's campground is the only one actually on Lake Okechobee rather than on the rim canal, offering visitors an unparalleled view of the lake and its wildlife.

Mrs. Bracey especially enjoys the "hometime" quality of Pahokee and its residents.

"I feel like I'm at home so friendly. Canadians notice this particularly, because it's not like this at home. When you walk down the street and see people going to work whether they know you or not. There's just this nice, outgoing friendliness."

Like many of the other campers, Mrs. Haight discovered the Pahokee campground by accident.

"I was on my way from the east coast. My son has a boat at Port Solano, and he had a friend I knew someone who parked his

Glades, South Bay, all the way around the lake to Canal Point is brighter than it's ever been—and this new facility is one more spoke in the wheel," Commissioner Maslowski said.

The commissioner said the Governor's Office has agreed to commit the \$30 million for the construction of the park.

Currently in the design phase, the trail will consist of hiking and mountain biking trails, and every six miles, with campsites atop the dike as well as trailheads at South Bay, and the other communities around the lake.

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Members of the group including Pura Todd, Scott Barker and Barbara Branch told the Pahokee commission at their regular meeting last Tuesday that they will work closely with other agencies, including the city police department, code enforcement department and others to identify and purchase derelict buildings with the goal of having a franchise offering the property for resale, to attract new businesses to the area, and to eliminate drug traf-

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boat here, so I got to know about it," Mrs. Haight said.

Charles "Chuck" Kellogg and his wife Marie said it took them three years after hearing about the Pahokee campground to find it, and at first Mrs. Kellogg was nervous about taking their motor home over the dike, but they have returned every year since then for the past 12 years.

"We like the people and we like the park. It's kind of centrally located for whatever you want. It's close to West Palm Beach, Okeechobee. We have a lot of friends from all over the country who return every year," Mrs. Kellogg said.

A retired self-employed contractor and a department store employee from Grand Rapids, Mich. this will be the first extended stay the couple have made at the campground. "We had always talked about traveling around, seeing different places. We've been on cruises, so we decided we'd do something different," Mrs. Kellogg said, adding that the campground is more economical than other places.

For Bill "Stink" Duncan, of Pleasantville, Tenn., who's coming to the Pahokee Campground for nearly 12 years, it's like coming home. He says, although like most campers he arrived at the camp by accident.

"I came by intending to go to Belle Glade, which I had found on the map, and I missed the turn. Since I couldn't turn the camper around just anywhere, I thought I'd come on down the road and turn around. Then I came up the hill and saw this place and I've been coming here ever since," he said. The fish he, but mostly it's the people. There are people here from 10-15 states and every one you meet is just like you've known them all your life."

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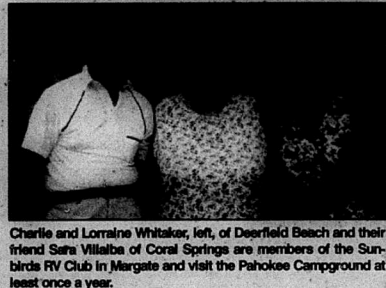
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Charlie and Lorraine Whitaker, left, of Deerfield Beach and their friend Sara Villalba of Coral Springs are members of the Sun-Beds RV Club in Margate and visit the Pahokee Campground at least once a year.



Albert and Pauline Ash visit the Pahokee Campground each winter. While camping may not be for everyone, Mrs. Ash said, "If it were, there wouldn't be any empty campsites!"

currently constructing between West Palm Beach and Fort Myers.

NUI Manager of Regulatory Affairs Michael A. Palecki told commissioners that the company has committed \$10 million to construct the pipeline and has received permits from the Florida Department of Transportation to locate it along the FDOT right-of-way. Currently the company is in discussions with local municipalities along the proposed route seeking franchise agreements to provide natural gas to local residents and businesses.

May 4 - Pahokee has a new mayor one city commissioner and two returning commissioners.

Over a third of Pahokee's voting population cast their votes at Tuesday's city commission race to elect former city commissioner Roy Singletary to the position of mayor. Singletary, 65, beat out current mayor Alvin Davis by 37 votes, garnering 52.44 percent of the votes.

May 11 - A Pahokee woman died early Monday morning after a car crash into a canal on Duda Road, east of Belle Glade.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, Nancy Bowles Buckner, 46, was alone in her car when she crashed into a private drive on Duda Packed Company road when she failed to negotiate a curve. Her 1989 Ford

went over a grassy area and into the canal.

May 18 - The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has charged a Cleveland man with two additional counts of kidnapping, one additional count of sexual battery and one count of attempted sexual battery after victims came forward and identified the suspect following his March arrest.

Huberto Santoyo, 37, of Cleveland was arrested March 8 and charged with two counts of armed kidnapping, armed sexual battery and armed robbery/possession of a firearm during commission of a felony. The suspect was arrested following a traffic stop in a vehicle matching the description provided by one of the victims. Inside the vehicle, according to the sheriff's office probable cause affidavit, detectives found a wallet belonging to one of the victims.

May 25 - Former District V Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Commander Captain Gary Frechette was named Pahokee's new police chief Monday, and was formally introduced to the Pahokee commission and local residents at the city's regular commission meeting Tuesday.

Captain Frechette will assume the post June 1, the day after retiring from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Chief Carmen Salvatore leaves the office.

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Glades Boys and Girls Clubs Winter Camp

The Glades Boys and Girls Clubs Winter Camp will be open to all students age 5 through 18. The Winter Camp will be held on January 2 to 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Belle Glade Teen Club Canal Point Gov. The fee for each child is \$10. Lunch will be served daily for \$3 and includes kids meal and snack or members may bring their own lunch.

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Sun Spots

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Community Awareness Forum sponsored by the Community Awareness Committee of the Palm Beach County HIV Care Council. The Forum will be held on Jan. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the "Country Kitchen located on 1525 NW Ave. L, Belle Glade.

Seating is limited and will be based on a first come, first serve basis.

RSVP to Carmen Canales by January 17 at 982-9500.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys ages 8-19, and Girls, ages 10-19, can apply.

Players are selected by invitation Only. Past participants include: Michael Johnson, Th.D. Carter, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antonio Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta and Steve Nash.

Camp locations include: Lock Haven, Pa.; Redlands, Ca.; Gainesville, Fla.; Champaign, Ill.; Macomb, Ill.; Alhambra, Calif.; Hillside, Ill.; St. Paul, Minn.; Fayette, Mo.; Rochester, N.Y.; Bowling Springs, N.C.; North Canton, Ohio; Bristol,

R.I.; Lebanon, Tenn.; Commerce, Tex.; Fort Worth, Tex.; Blacksburg, Va.; Olympia, Wa.

Basketball Championships are possible for players named to The All-American Team. For an evaluation form call (704) 568-8801 anytime.

Glades Literary Project open house

The Glades Literary Project will be having their open house on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Belle Glade Branch Library located on 530 S. Main St. The open house will be from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

If you are planning on attending, please R.S.V.P. to Mary at 561-996-3453.

Monopoly Tournament

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Monopoly Tournament at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. The tournament will be held on February 11.

Call 561-996-2745 for more information.

"Noche de la Familia"

The first ever Noche de la Familia at the South Florida Fair on Friday, Jan. 19. This event will feature a parade, folkloric performances, entertainment and ethnic foods. Noche de la familia is a family affair for all to enjoy.

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The event will also serve as a fundraiser for the Hispanic Chamber of Palm Beach County, an organization dedicated to growing and sustaining and increasing the presence of Hispanic owned businesses in Palm Beach County.

The Hispanic Chamber is offering advance ticket discounts on purchases made before Thursday, Jan. 11. To purchase tickets or for further information, contact 561-838-086 or email at hcc@bellsouth.net.

Advanced ticket sales

Western Palm Beach County Fair Bureau will be selling advanced tickets to the South

Florida Fair now until Jan. 11. Call us at 561-996-0343 or stop by 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Fri at 3019 State Rd. 15 Suite 5 Belle Glade, across from the Palm Beach County Courthouse.

Try out for Jubilee 2001

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Response to Big Lake Sunday News Speak Out

Jobs in Pahokee

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Magnet applications

“Reading Counts”

Curriculum and Club Night a big success

Zavala receives national board certification

This is a prestigious honor that requires a rigorous process. It involved an entire year of writing and preparing a lengthy portfolio examining the teaching practices and strategies she uses with her students. In addition, she was required to videotape herself as she implemented instruction and underwent an all day qualifying examination during the summer. The process is based on the rigid criteria established by the National Board.

Mrs. Zavala was very excited to hear the good news and plans to continue improving her teaching skills. She is currently meeting monthly to mentor five regular and special education teachers who are seeking National Board Certification this year.

Thanks to Glades Day Jr./Sr.
Honor Society

On behalf of the students and the E.S.E. Department a great big thanks to the Jr./Sr. Honor Society at Glades Day School under the direction of Mrs. Angie Lohman. The members of the association paired up with our students and gave of their time to entertain them. In appreciation

Uniform Recycling Project

This is a reminder that if your child has outgrown his or her uniform, please do not forget to send them to the Family Center for our Uniform Recycling Project. This is an inexpensive way of obtaining uniforms for your children. Remember, you bring some, you take some.

The Gove Family wishes you a
very happy holiday season!

Upcoming Events...
01/09 — Classes begin
01/11 — P.T.O. at 6:30 p.m.



Giving the gift of life keeps getting easier

spirit of the holidays by signing a donor card.

More than 70,000 Americans are currently awaiting life-saving organ transplants, and nearly one in ten of them is a young person under 18 years of age. Every day, 16 to 17 people die while waiting for a vital organ: in Florida alone, more than 2000 people are waiting for a life-saving transplant. If more people donated organs, those in need would spend less time on the waiting list, and more lives would be saved. An estimated 10,000 to 14,000

people who die each year meet the criteria for organ donation, but less than half of that number become actual organ donors.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida is dedicated to increasing the number of organs available for transplantation and enhancing the lives of donor families and transplant recipients. For more information and a free organ donor card, call the NKF of Florida at 1-800-927-9659.

Visual Health & Surgical Center welcomes new Glaucoma Specialist

Dr. Deppermann relocated to South Florida from Massachusetts where he was in private practice and has over 20 years experience as a glaucoma specialist. He is currently seeing patients in North Palm Beach as a primary location and patients at many of Visual Health & Surgical Center's 10 South Florida loca-

**Dr. Stephen R.
Deppermann**

tions including Belle Glade. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Deppermann call 561-964-0707.

Visual Health & Surgical Center was founded in 1963 and is locally owned. It is a modern

multi-specialty ophthalmic facility equipped with the latest in diagnosis and treatment equipment. Visual Health & Surgical Center's main office is located at 2889 10th Ave. North in Lake Worth.

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READING COUNTS!



Gov Elementary School hosted "Reading Counts! Celebration, Friday, Dec. 15, recognizing children who met Principle Mary Evan's challenge to read more books. A host of Gov Elementary third graders met the Principal's first Reading Challenge. They Included: Yuseti Acosta, Melfi Afaghani, Ashley Arroyo, Bryan Baez, Alexander Boyed, Lori'ahs Brown, Vanessa Buenavista, Michael Campbell, Richard Christmas, Jeffrey Congleton, Lauren Debboss, Alexander Dierks, Yasmine Garcia, Sergio Gonzalez, Jesus Hernandez, Lilianna Hernandez, Alfonso Johnson, Wilshire Jones, Harlan Kald, Emily Lee, Yasmine Lora, Fernando Martinez, Alejandro Mendoza, Kyle Monti, Emme Pace, Pan Pantiago, Yasmely Perez, Remy Pope, Ryan Perez, Matthew Roberts, Herbert Rodriguez, Janette Rodriguez, Nathum Rodriguez, Angel Romero, Annita Roque, Jacqueline Ruiz, Ivan Sanchez, Santresia Taylor, Liliana Vasquez, Rojelio Vasquez, Ives Velasco, Juan Villanueva and Yasmely Perez.

Arrest Blotter

Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department handled 218 calls, issued 9 traffic citations and made 8 arrests the week of Dec. 18 - Dec. 24. Those arrests included:

- Dec. 18 - **Brando Tencio**, 20, possession of cocaine
- Dec. 19 - **Agustin Rojas Jr.**, 21, corruption by threat to a public servant
- Dec. 20 - **Lindsey Fields**, 30, burglary, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief, assault, resisting arrest, **Kenneth Baker**, 29, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia
- Dec. 21 - **Gordon Sullivan**, 35, open display of a firearm, unlawful use of scanner in vehicle, **Dewayne Pray**, 18, obstructing and opposing
- Dec. 22 - **Benjamin Patterson**, 25, domestic battery
- Dec. 23 - **No arrests**
- Dec. 24 - **John Shesley**, 36, domestic battery

Editor's note: Administrative offices for the South Bay, Belle Glade and Palm Beach Sheriff's Office were closed Tuesday for the Christmas holiday. Those arrests will appear in next week's column.

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County Inc. is asking citizens to help locate Ismael Gonzalez, who is wanted for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Gonzalez is a white male, 5'9" and weighs 210 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His date of birth is September 12, 1964. Gonzalez' last known address was 3116 NW 16th St., Belle Glade.

Gonzalez' warrant was active as of December 18, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Ismael Gonzalez, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.



Ismael Gonzalez

Maybe, Just Maybe...

E. R. Chronicle

by Arienn R. Stauffer, M.D.

Brandi awakened with a start. She had been asleep since she floated feeding Brian at midnight and placed the three-month-old back into his crib. Something didn't feel right.

"Her baby had never slept through the night before this," Ocean's Hospital ER, we're two minutes away from a three-month-old boy in full cardiopulmonary arrest.

A child swept across everyone in the ER within earshot of the paramedic's radio voice. Although she tried to continue reporting on her resuscitation efforts, her voice cracked.

"We're right around the corner," she concluded.

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez took a slow, deep breath, then offered a simple request to the ER team.

"Let's go."

Everyone moved. No one spoke. Phil pulled an elderly man's stretcher out of Critical Care Room 2.

Linda rolled an empty stretcher next to the Pediatric Crash Cart. Maureen popped the Crash Cart open, then double-checked all the resuscitation drugs and bags and supplies.

Cortez stood at the end of the bed. The entire ER team looked at each other. They had all been down at this room before. It was like a recurring nightmare. They were ready.

Little Brian's ambulance stretcher burst through the doors. His tiny body shuddered as the paramedic compressed his chest with two of her fingers.

Cortez grabbed Brian's feet as the gurney moved him quickly to the ER bed. These feet were icy cold. Cortez closed her eyes briefly, took another deep breath, and then came out of the room.

"Let me hear the lung sounds, quickly."

"What's the rhythm on the monitor now?"

"When was the last epinephrine dose?"

"Recheck that IO line, make sure fluid isn't flowing in easily."

"The child was working. One squeezed oxygen into Brian's lungs; one continued pumping on his chest, and another fidgeted with the large needle that protruded from Brian's shinbone."

Cortez quickly finished going over Brian's entire body.

"I don't see any signs of trauma."

Phil pushed another dose of epinephrine in through the tubing connected to the big needle. The medication would find its way into Brian's circulatory system through this shinbone's marrow. Maybe, just maybe, it would help re-start this little heart.

"Any change in his rhythm on the monitor?"

"Let's try to get his body tempera-

ture up a little more."

"Make sure that ET tube is still in perfect position in his trachea."

"Give another epinephrine dose."

No one was talking now except for Cortez' questions and orders. The initial chill that invaded the department when the paramedic first called her report had now become an eerie quiet.

A few sniffls could be heard in the back corner of the room where the paramedic had retreated after the ER team had taken over. Rhythmic, soft, sniffling sounds of the bed sheet were barely perceptible with each compression of Brian's chest wall.

Cortez took a step back, and looked up at the flat line on the heart monitor.

"How long have we been going here?"

"How long since he was first found without a pulse at home?"

She couldn't stop yet, even though everyone here knew there was really no hope. He was, after all, just a baby.

"Keep doing CPR."

"Another dose of epinephrine."

Quiet sniffls. Several eyes now gave up a tear as the team continued going through the motions. More minutes passed.

No change.

A hand signal from Cortez was the final act in Critical Care Room 2. Everyone took one step back and stared at the motionless, perfect little body.

It was over.

Cortez walked slowly toward the privacy of the Family Waiting Room. She knew there would be disbelief, tears and grief. She thought for her own son and tried not to cry.

She knew that there was no easy or right way to tell the family what she now had to tell them. She knew they would immediately experience guilt, and she would attempt to allay those suspicions.

Grief. Anger. Guilt. Questions for the rest of their lives.

She pushed the floor open.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) occurs approximately 3000 times per year in this country, a rate of 0.8 deaths per 1000 infants. It can occur between one month and one year of age, but is most common between the ages of two months and four months.

Although many different theories for SIDS have been proposed over the years, the cause seems to be related to a disturbance in these infants' ventilatory responses. A higher incidence of SIDS has been reported in babies who sleep in the prone position, and a lower incidence for those who sleep in the supine position or on their sides.

Premature infants of low birth weight, siblings of victims of SIDS, and infants of substance-abusing mothers are also at increased risk of SIDS.

Final confirmation that SIDS was the cause of such sudden and unexpected deaths usually comes from a coroner's autopsy.

Additional information on SIDS can be obtained from the National Foundation for Sudden Infant Death (New York, New York).

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

www.fcep.org

Pahokee approves fines for parking violations

By Tracy Whirls

The Pahokee Commission at their Dec. 12 meeting approved the first reading of an ordinance to provide parking fines for violations within the city limits of Pahokee.

Calling the ordinance "long overdue," Mayor Roy Singletary said vehicles parking and

obstructing the flow of traffic on city streets and "double-parking" are some of the city's worst traffic problems.

Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette said in addition to being able to ticket violators under the new fine structure, the department can also issue offenders a traffic citation for a nonmoving violation, should the new fine structure not be a sufficient deterrent.

The proposed fine structure, approved unanimously by the commissioners at first reading, provides a series of fines: \$5 for overtime parking; \$10 for parking where prohibited by signs; \$10 for parking where prohibited by yellow curb; \$25 for parking within 15 feet of a fire plug; \$10 for improper parking; \$15 for double park-

ing; \$20 for obstructing traffic; \$10 for obstructing driveway; \$10 for leaving keys in ignition; \$25 for parking in fire zone; \$250 for unauthorized parking in a handicapped zone.

The commissioners are expected to approve the second and final reading of the ordinance at their next meeting, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Vehicles remind motorists not to wreck their holiday plans

Members of the Palm Beach County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) positioned crashed vehicles on the shoulders of various roads, throughout the Glades, each with a banner reading "Don't Drink and Drive" and "Buckle Up."

This Florida Department of Transportation, District Four, CTST project is intended to remind motorists and passengers of what could occur if you fail to use safety belts or drink and drive during the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, said Traffic Officer Thomas Juric of the Belle Glade Police Department.

The vehicles were put on display last week and will remain in place until Tuesday, Jan. 2. One of the vehicles used in the safety campaign is located on the corner of Ave E and Main St. Officer Juric was able to respond to the scene of the accident about two months ago on State Road 715. The driver of the vehicle lost control of his truck while driving in an unimproved state. The driver was not critically hurt but did suffer injuries.

The second car is located on the corner of Ave L and 441

(Airport Road) and was donated by Glades Auto Parts to warn the citizens of Belle Glade of the dangers of driving drunk, especially around the holiday season. It is not known whether the driver of the car died or not, but it is evident that the person was seriously hurt, according to Officer Juric.

During the 1999 Christmas and New Year's holiday, 52 people were killed in traffic crashes throughout Florida. 23 of these fatalities were alcohol-related. During that same period, 25 drivers and passengers who were killed and who had safety belts available, were not using them.

"It's a countywide program going on, the Community Traffic Safety Program which our department is part of is sponsoring this. And basically, it's a reminder during the holiday to buckle up and not drink and drive. I tried to use using cars that, from my knowledge, had someone pass away just in case of their families driving around or whatever, I'd hate to have them look at that," said Officer Juric.

The Pahokee Police



Members of the Palm Beach County CTST and local police departments placed wrecks at intersections around the Glades to remind drivers to buckle up during the holidays.

Department also placed a car on East Main and North Lake Ave. and the South Bay Police Department placed a vehicle on SR-80 and NW 1st Ave.

Community Traffic Safety Teams are locally-based groups of highway safety advocates who are committed to solving traffic safety problems through

a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-disciplinary approach. Members include city, state and federal agencies, as well as local citizens. The common goal of the CTST in Palm Beach County is to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes within their community.

Celery is age-old remedy for gout and stomach problems

Healthy Living

with Katrina Elakan

What vegetable is good not only to flavor, soups but, also, offers health benefits? Celery.

Here's a hint: "It takes more calories to chew and digest this food than the food contains, which means you lose weight by eating it."

It's none other than the lowly celery.

At my house, celery is primarily used to add flavor, and a little texture, to soups, stews and salads. Occasionally, my daughter makes hors d'oeuvres by smearing celery stalks with peanut butter or cream cheese, but mostly we just chop it up.

I recently discovered that celery is more than just a soup ingredient or finger food.

This week, a reader mentioned that he takes celery seed extract as a remedy for gout.

This information sent me to the peoplespharmacy.com website, where I learned that celery seed is a time-honored natural remedy for gout.

Gout, which causes joints to become swollen and painful, is a result of deposits of uric acid crystals in the joints. It occurs when the uric acid levels in the blood and tissues are too high.

James Duke, who wrote "The Green Pharmacy," suffered from gout himself and reported that he used celery seed extracts to help prevent gout attacks.

According to information provided by the California Research Advisory Board, celery has been used for medicinal purposes for thousands of years. Historical records indicate that celery was cultivated for medicinal purposes by 850 B.C. It has been used to treat digestive troubles, arthritis, colds and flu.

It took much longer for celery to be recognized as a food source. It was cultivated as a vegetable in Italy in the 17th century.

While the vegetable contains some natural sodium, celery is also a natural diuretic, so it events out.

Because celery seed helps decrease blood sugar levels, some researchers believe it might be useful in treating diabetes.

It has been touted as an aid to those trying to quit smoking. While celery contains very small amounts of a substance that is similar to nicotine, more likely the benefit comes from keeping busy chewing raw celery. Some try to kick the habit chew gum, others chew celery.

Chewing raw celery may also help alleviate "dry mouth" caused by some prescription medications.

To use celery to treat a cold or flu, mix bits of it in a soup along with healthy servings of garlic, onions and chicken.

The average American consumes 9 to 10 pounds of celery each year. Most of the celery grown in this country comes from California. California has 23,500 acres in celery production year round. Florida has 3,500 acres in celery, but only during the December-May growing season. Celery is also grown in Michigan and Texas.

One 100 gram serving of celery contains only 17 calories. That's because celery is 94 percent

water. It also contains 39 mg calcium, 28 mg phosphorus, 341 mg potassium, 126 mg sodium, 340 IU vitamin A and 9 mg vitamin C.

WARNING: Celery seed extract can have drug interactions with prescription medications. This is especially important if you are taking prescription medication for diabetes, high blood pressure or gout. Check with your doctor before making any changes to your diet or taking any herbal supplements.

While checking out the People's Pharmacy website, I also noticed an item indicating that eating hot spicy soup, can help alleviate migraine headaches. According to the report, a chemical found in hot peppers can help stop headaches. What the hot peppers may do to your stomach is another question.

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AMERITECH HOSTS GOVERNOR'S MENTORING INITIATIVE



Photo/José Jesus Zaragoza

Ameritech Institute for Career Education in South Bay hosted Glades area education and business leaders participating in the Dec. 13 organizational meeting for the Governor's Mentoring Initiative. The goal of the program is to match 500 Glades area mentors with students in elementary, middle and high schools in Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee. Employers are asked to allow employees to donate one hour a week to work one-on-one with a student in math, reading or an enrichment activity like music or photography. Pictured, front row, from left to right, Deborah Fritz of Sago Palm Academy, Rita Adams of West Technical Education Center, Florence Maltland of West Technical Education Center and Sgt. Robert Wheelman of the Belle Glade Police Department; back row, left to right, Carmen G. Canales of Glades Community Development Corporation, Mary Sue Keenan, Career Academy Coordinator, West Technical Education Center, Dan Bythwood, Palm Beach County School Board and Jack Jones, director, Ameritech Institute for Career Education. For more information or to volunteer, contact Community Liaison Kay Zaccagnino at 990-4900 or 924-7844.

A WARM RECEPTION

Amenda Orsenigo and Mallory McKee, both students at Glades Day School, distributed 96 coats on Saturday, December 16 at the food pantry at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade. They would like to thank all the people who contributed their coats and a special thanks to the Bank of Belle Glade staff who helped them collect the coats.



Students "ride for literacy"

More than 150 Glades area Elementary school students received a refurbished bicycle as a reward for earning good grades on their report cards this fall.

Students at Glade View Elementary in Belle Glade and Rosenwald Elementary in South Bay received their bicycles, helmets and participated in bike rodeos at the schools last week.

The "Ride for Literacy" program, spear-headed by Area 4 resource teacher Linda Flak and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit gave the students "the opportunity to reach for a goal in their lives," said Ms. Flak.

PBCSO Deputy Carol Verdigi and the other community policing officers procured more than 150 bicycles and helmets that were awarded to 3rd and 4th grade students at the two schools for earning good marks on their report cards.



Photo/José Jesus Zaragoza

Rosenwald Elementary model student Lisabeth Contreras (left) tries on a safety helmet with the help of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Deputy Carol Verdigi. Lisabeth will have plenty of time to wear her helmet as she rides her new bike donated by the "Ride for Literacy" Program that awards exceptional students.



Photo/José Jesus Zaragoza

Area 4 Resource teacher Linda Flak dressed up as a clown to help in awarding students bicycles for their outstanding academic efforts in school. The donations came just in time for Christmas.

Diesel Class with Mr. Moya

By Dustin Hart

For the last two years in Mr. Moya's Diesel class students have learned a great deal of information about pistons, thrust pins, rods, caps, bearings and electrical components. Most of all, I've learned that there is a lot to learn! It is important for

students and mechanics to keep up-to-date as every year more and more technology is added to diesel engines. That's part of what keeps the class interesting for me.

This year, I acquired a donation from John Deere for the Diesel Academy. The company donated a John Deere engine to rebuild for them. I have had a lot

of fun working on the engine. The proceeds from the sale of the rebuilt engine will possibly benefit West Tech, as well.

On behalf of Mr. Moya and the Diesel Academy students, I want to thank John Deere for their generous donation.

Thank, too, Mr. Moya for teaching me what I have learned so far.

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Orbie L. "O. L." Motte

Orbie L. "O. L." Motte, 84, of Belle Glade passed away Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000 in Clewiston.

Mr. Motte was born Feb. 4, 1916 in Phil Campbell, Ala. He moved to Hamilton, Miss. at an early age where he lived until 1967 when he moved to Belle Glade.

Mr. Motte retired from Okelanta in the early 70s but came out of retirement to work as a security guard at Glades Sugar House for several years. During his early retirement, he often drove for the local GM dealer. Mr. Motte was well known for his "love of new cars" and those who knew him teased him for "trading cars as soon as the ashtray got full."

Mr. Motte was a member of the Belle Glade Church of Christ where he worshipped until his health prevented him from attending services. He was also a member of the Belle Glade American Legion and a World War II veteran who had served in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Robbie Lucille Bennett in 1965, a grandson, John Rives, a step-grandson, Billy Webster and a stepdaughter, Sarah Wingate.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Webster Motte of Belle Glade, a son, Walter Motte and wife Edie Lee of Hamilton, Miss.; three daughters, Jane Dunrel and husband Faby of Jasper, Texas, Sara Rives and fiancé S. T. Thigpen of Clewiston and Linda Lee of Belle Glade; two stepchildren, George Webster and wife Nellie of Belle Glade and Kathryn McCormick of Lake City.

Mr. Motte is also survived by 16 grandchildren, Raymond Darnel of Houston, Denise Roberts of Alexandria, La., Ricky and Randy Motte of Hamilton, Miss., McCall of Lake Harbor, Wanda Carner and Susan Dippel of Clewiston, Anne Lee of Belle Glade and step-grandchildren Cheryl Patten of Miami, Bennie Wingate of Royal Palm, Earl Wingate of Belle Glade, Mike, Joe and Pat McCormick and Kay McCormick. Mr. Motte also left behind 85 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 15 in the Chapel of Kraer-Mixon Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Belle Glade Church of Christ with Rev. Robert Butler officiating. Interment followed at Fort Mayaca Cemetery, Canal Point.

Kraer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn Rardin Collins

Kathryn Rardin Collins, 88, of Pahokee died Saturday afternoon, December 10, 2000 at her residence.

A native of Glenville, Ga., she was born on December 14, 1912, daughter of the late Wadsworth O. and Elizabeth Seckinger Strickland. She received her early education in the Glenville Schools and attended Besse Tift College in Forsyth, Ga. She had made her home in the Glades since moving from Wadsworth in 1934. She was a former member of the Pahokee Garden Club and the Auxiliary of the Everglades Regional Medical Center. She was a longtime member of the Canal Point Baptist Church. She was active in the Women's Missionary Union and served for many years as the church plant. In 1987, she was honored by the church with a special day named in her honor. She was married to the late Paul Rardin who came to Canal Point in 1934 to publish The Everglades News and who later became a Palm Beach County Commissioner. She was later married to the late Minter Collins, a Pahokee businessman, who owned and operated Badcock Furniture Store. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Walter O. Strickland and Harold W. Strickland and her step-son Lewis Collins.

Surviving are: her special family and Wynan Outer of Tucker, Ga.; Betsy and Bill Chapman and Will and Timothy of Alpharetta, Ga.; Becky and Devin Bracher and Stephen and Kathryn of Atlanta; John Outer of Tucker, Ga.; step-daughter, Corine Carey of Columbia, S.C.; step-daughter-in-law, Betty Collins of Fort Myers; step-grandchildren, Sharon McCall of Lakeland; Jane Carey of Alexandria, Va.; Jeff Carey of Monroeville, S.C.; Douglas Collins of Fort Myers; Paul Collins of Tampa; Jennifer Miller of St. Petersburg and Randy Collins of Lighthouse Acres; sister-in-law, Peggy Strickland of Orangeburg, S.C.; nieces, Libba Gruda of Loganville, Ga. and Maria Strickland of Orangeburg, S.C.; nephew, Lee Strickland of Orangeburg, S.C.; two great nieces and two great nephews: cousins, Beth Stanfield of Gainesville, Ga.; Chuck Stanfield of Washington, D.C.; Nancy Stanfield of Wilmington, N.C. and Suzanne Thrasher of Wilmington, N.C.

The funeral service was conducted Wednesday morning (December 20, 2000) at 11 p.m. in the Canal Point Baptist Church.

The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, and the Rev. B. Ray Stedham, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Port St. Lucie, officiated. The interment was conducted at 2:30 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery, West Palm Beach.

Edna L. Harrell

Edna Lee Harrell, 92, died at Okeechobee Health Care Center on December 24, 2000. She was born in Clay County on Nov. 16, 1908, the third of 12 children, to Joseph and Emma Prevatt. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hurley in 1975, and two sons, Cecil Ray in 1960 and H. M. "Buddy" Harrell in September, 2000, as well as her brothers Vernon and Elzie Prevatt and sisters Pearl Walker, Evelyn Dasher and Floy Padgett.

Edna lived in Bean City and South Bay for 43 years before moving to Okeechobee in 1976. She was the postmistress of the Bean City Post Office for 25 years until her retirement in 1975. Survivors include her daughter, Elsie Septelli, Ocoee; two sons, A. J. Harrell and his wife Alma of West Palm Beach and Roger Harrell and his wife Mary Jean of Okeechobee; three brothers, Frank, Hovas and Edwin Prevatt; and three sisters, Frances Halcher, Helen Chaudoin and Hazel Hicks. Additional survivors include 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, 402 S.W. 4th Street at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28. Interment will be at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Faith Baptist to host New Year's Eve Watch Night

Faith Baptist Church will conduct a New Year's Eve Watch Night service for everyone in Belle Glade. The public is cordially invited to come join the festivities.

There will be gospel singing, people's testimonies, Bible preaching and an excellent movie titled, "Sheffy," a major motion picture about the life of Robert S. Sheffy, a nineteenth century circuit rider. Free refreshments will be offered for those in attendance. There is no cost to the public.

The church is located at 1119 N.W. 12th Street in Belle Glade.

For more information, call the church at 992-8217.

Hamilton-Adams earns all A's

Shakira Hamilton-Adams earned all A's, resulting in a 4.0 GPA, while carrying 18 credit hours, for the fall semester at Bethune-Cookman College in Shakira Hamilton-Adams Daytona Beach.

Ms. Hamilton-Adams earned a place on the president's list for the second time this year. During the spring semester, she earned seven A's and one B, resulting in a 3.83 grade point average. Ms. Hamilton-Adams is currently in her senior year of matriculation at Bethune-Cookman College.

Ms. Hamilton-Adams is very active in campus extra-curricular activities, she is involved with the Educational Scholarship program PACE and MODEL. Ms. Hamilton-Adams holds the prestigious position of President for PACE, the female counterpart of the PACE and MODEL program. She also holds the position of Student Representative on the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of the Council of Exceptional Children. Her involvement in the PACE program has afforded her the opportunity to represent the scholarship program along with other members at educational conferences in Vancouver, British Columbia, Albuquerque, New Mexico and hopefully, Kansas, Missouri.

Ms. Hamilton-Adams is a member of the Women's Senate Association where she holds the position of treasurer for the Residential Assistant Association. Other involvement includes membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Delta, Pi National Educational Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, and Epitauran Motion Picture Society.

Ms. Hamilton-Adams attributes her present success to unflinching faith in God and hard work to a very supportive mother, family and friends.

XI ZETA MU ENJOYS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR



Karen Corbin, Laurel Tarr, Judy McMillan, Laura Mae Enfinger, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motte and Gwendolyn York enjoy the Christmas Decorations at the home of Rachel Hollingsworth during the Holiday Tour of Homes in Belle Glade.

SORORITY GIVES TO PANDA



Vera Robinson and Leigh Woodham, members of the Xi Iota Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi delivered gift bags to residents at PANDA, a residential program for pregnant women or women with children suffering from addictions.

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Glades Day girl's basketball team beats University, improves record

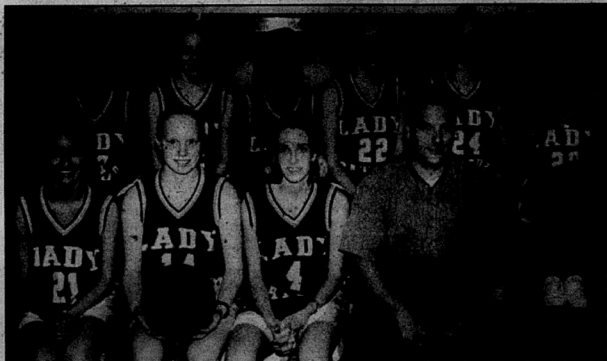
The Glades Day Girl's Basketball Team improved upon their season record after defeating University 61-27 in an exciting away game. The Gators are now 5-3 for the season.

Hela Barhoush was the top point-getter of the game, scoring a total of 20 points. Hela also got 17 rebounds to her credit and 6 steals to cap off another win for the Gators. Carmen Paez followed closely with 17 points, 7 steals and 6 assists; Peggy Altman didn't stray too far from the pack herself after scoring 14 points with 11 rebounds and 5 steals.

In total for the season, Hela Barhoush has had 110 rebounds, 114 points and 15 assists; Carmen Paez has 55 rebounds, 132 points and 41 assists; and Peggy Altman has 20 assists.

The Gators are enjoying a great week after also outing Gold Coast Academy last Tuesday in a home game. It seems the team is recovering from its early season losses against Moore Haven and Gold Coast.

Once again, Carmen Paez, Hela Barhoush and Peggy Altman worked together to prove an incredible offensive team, scoring over 50 points.



Glades Day Girl's Basketball team is off to a very good start. Back row from left to right: Hela Barhoush, Amanda Browder, Chandra Manuel, Jenna Garrett, Carmen Paez, Felicia Duce; bottom row left to right: Veronica Muniz, Peggy Altman, Kristina Sanchez, and Coach Lohmann.

Along with the team, the three dominated the game and sent Gold Coast back home without the win.

The team is looking forward to their future games after resting a short while for holiday vacations. The Gators will face off against Kings Academy on the fourth of January, Jupiter

Christian on the fifth and St. Edwards on the sixth.

Glades Central defeats Dwyer
Glades Central also won last Monday. The Raiders defeated William T. Dwyer 67-44. Jokeirra Sneed scored 18 points and had 12 rebounds in the game.

Pahokee girls beat Forest Hill
The Pahokee Blue Devils managed a devastating win over Forest Hill. The Lady Blue Devils were able to keep Forest Hill at bay by close to 60 points. The final score saw Pahokee winning 75-17.

The Pahokee boys basketball team did not play this week.

Glades Central defeats Clewiston

The Glades Central Raiders beat Clewiston on Saturday 66-38. The Raiders are now 5-1. Guard Samuel Tarver finished the game with 17 points, 9 by way of three pointers. Samuel also had 6 blocks and 10 rebounds.

This win came soon after Glades Central defeated Royal Palm Beach on Friday. The Raiders ousted Royal Palm 63-53. Guard Thernadrik Young compiled 18 points to help guide Glades Central to the win. Eddie Wilcox also joined

in the action by racking up 16 points.

Glades Day falls to Gold Coast

Glades Day lost to Gold Coast Community last week 61-46. Nick Sanchez led the team in points with 13 points. Nick Sanchez has 51 points this year, averaging 12.8 points per game.

Micah Thomas has helped the team considerably. Thomas has 40 rebounds this season.

Andre Waters inducted into PBC Sports Hall of Fame

Belle Glade native and PHS alumni Andre Waters will be inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame in the Class of 2001. The Silver Anniversary awards dinner is scheduled for March 25 at the West Palm Beach Sheraton.

Waters, of Tampa, an assistant football coach at the University of South Florida, played 12 years in the NFL, with Philadelphia for 10 and Arizona for two. He was named All NFL defensive back in 1991. A Native of Belle Glade, he played at Pahokee High School and earned a college All-America honor at Cheyney, Pa. State in 1983.

This raises to 143 the number of athletes, coaches, administra-

tors and contributors who have been inducted since the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame was formed in 1977.

Nominations may still be made for several annual awards, including Professional Athlete of the Year, Amateur Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year and High School Coach of the Year. The nomination deadline is Dec. 31. Resumes may be sent to Joe Ceravolo, 2300 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 217, West Palm Beach, 33409, or Larry Bush, 5912 Bumini Circle East, West Palm Beach, 33407.

For information, call Ceravolo, 561-478-8837, or Bush, 561-686-9287.

Outdoor Adventure Days offered by FWC

Outdoor Adventure Days begin January 8 in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area's Everglades Youth Camp. The event is open to children ages five to 12.

Six Adventure Days are planned including: Birds, Birds, Jan. 8; Reptiles and Amphibians, Jan. 15; Amazing Mammals, Feb. 29; Water World, March 26; Incredible Insects, April 13; and Soil Safari, May 11. Tuition is \$60 for day students and \$75 for those who wish to skip sleepover on the night before in one of the camp's cabins. Call 561-624-6929 for details.

Everglades Youth Camp Director Janice Kerber said the overnight option includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. Daytime only includes lunch and a snack. Overnight campers are asked to arrive between 6:30 and 8 p.m. the night before. Day students may be dropped off between 7 and 8 a.m. All students must be picked up between 5 and 6 p.m.

The mornings will be devoted to the day's conservation program," Kerber said. "This is not a static lecture approach. Throughout the children will be playing games, making crafts,

and participating in activities related to the particular Adventure Day topic."

Kerber said the afternoons are scheduled for a wide variety of outdoor activities including canoeing, fishing, archery, target shooting with pellet guns, crafts, and outdoor sports. Adventure Days was conceived and planned by Kerber, a professional educator and former Palm Beach County grade school teacher with 15 years in the classroom.

"As a former teacher and working parent I understand the dilemma many parents face dur-

ing a school closing day," she said. "You don't just want a passive babysitting arrangement but rather a positive and constructive educational experience that's also fun for the kids. That's what Outdoor Adventure Days are all about."

Enrollment is limited so parents are advised to make reservations early by calling Janice Kerber, Everglades Youth Camp Director at 561-624-6929. The camp and its educational programs are administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Lake Okeechobee great site for duck hunters

Not too many years back duck hunters on Lake Okeechobee had plenty of elbow room and there were an excess of good spots available.

Today, Lake Okeechobee is still one of the great duck hunting sites in Florida. The difference in that the tripling of Florida's population in 20 years and a more affluent and mobile society means more hunters on the lake seeking out a limited number of prime locations.

"Too often this results in some hunters setting up their decoys too close to another set up or even shooting over someone else's decoys," said Lynne Hawk, hunter-education administrator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife's South Regional Office in West Palm Beach.

Hawk is also concerned that some duck hunters set out their decoys and then leave them overnight or even for days on end, denying choice areas to other sportsmen. This is especially aggravating when the absent hunters don't even show up to hunt over their decoy spread.

"This is very frustrating for the hunter who often rises at 3 a.m. to get out and step his decoy spread and finds all the good spots taken," Hawk said. "Lake Okeechobee is a public hunting area and governed by a first come first serve approach. You just can't monopolize a choice area for the whole season."

Hawk advises hunters to take in their decoys when they finish hunting even if they intend on hunting at the same location the next day.

"This way you give another hunter an opportunity to enjoy some good shooting and avoid

conflicts that occur when one hunter starts shooting over another hunter's decoy spread," she said. "Courtesy is the answer and would make duck hunting a quality experience for all."

Hawk said that some disgruntled hunters are pushing for regulations to require that hunters pick up their decoys at the end of the day's shooting or be ticketed.

"The FWC is very wary of implementing another regulation, especially since enforcement would be extremely difficult," Hawk said. "We prefer self-regulation by duck hunters who can use peer pressure to encourage compliance."

Fewer quality hunting opportunities and a growing population make courtesy and hunting ethics more important than ever before, Hawk stated.

"Most duck hunters understand that shooting at extreme range or 'sky busting' is the mark of a new or poor hunter," she said. "It's time we realized that leaving decoy spreads out on public waters when the shooting day ends is equally poor sportsmanship."

Hunting ethics is a core element in the FWC's free hunter-education course offered at various times and locations throughout the year. Hawk encourages all hunters to enroll in the 16-hour course covering safety, conservation and ethics.

Reservations can be made over the phone by calling the South Regional Hunter Education Office at 561-625-5126.

THE FISHIN'S FINE!



Perry Gruver, Bill "Slick" Duncan and Bill Liston return to the Pahokee Campground and Marina each year. They say they like the campground and the folks they meet there...and the fishing helps too! See story page 1.

Everglades Youth Camp offers sleepover

Looking for a safe and fun refuge for the kids while mom and dad celebrate New Year's Eve? A convenient option is the New Year's Sleep Over at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp (EYC) located near West Palm Beach off Seminole Pratt Whitney Road.

Children ages 6 to 14 will participate in a night hike, do crafts, enjoy an evening around a campfire, and play various games during their stay, according to Janice Kerber, EYC Camp Director with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The campers will be housed in comfortable cabins equipped with bunk beds. Bathroom

facilities are located nearby.

Parents may make a reservation by calling Kerber at 561-624-6929. Drop off is between 2 p.m. Sunday and pick up scheduled between 10 and 11 a.m. Monday. New Year's Day Tuition covers a dinner, snack, breakfast and all supplies. All activities are conducted under adult supervision.

The cost is \$75 for the first child and \$60 per each additional sibling. Kerber said available spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Everglades Youth Camp overlooks a small lake within the 60,000 acre J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area located 20 miles west of West Palm Beach.



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Look at a new form of lightning called sprites

They come in a variety of shapes and colors; some resemble a jellyfish while others look like an hourglass. Their names are unique, too: blue jets, elves, halos and trolls.

They are the new frontier in lightning research, a frontier that is barely 10 years old. They are sprites, a new type of lightning that has been the last type of weather scientists since their discovery in 1989.

For years, sprites were thought to have been sightings of airline pilots' imaginations. They'd report seeing red or blue flashes above thunderclouds, reports always dismissed by the scientific community. Then, on July 6, 1989, a trio of researchers from the University of Minnesota accidentally videotaped the first proof of sprites.

Since then, scientists have been trying to understand this elusive form of lightning. Just what it is, and how it relates to the atmosphere, if any, do they have on the atmosphere?

"After 10 years of research, we still don't know if sprites are benign as a rainbow or as dangerous as a lightning bolt," said Dr. Walter Lyons, a sprite researcher at the Yucca Ridge field station in

Colorado.

Here is what Lyons and other researchers do know about sprites: They are only observed during thunderstorms, called mesoscale convective systems (MCS), that often are as large as some states. These huge systems are most common in the central plains and very rare in Florida.

Sprites shoot out of the tops of these storms as much as 60 miles above the Earth's surface, although they are usually brighter around 40 miles up. They are exceedingly brief, usually lasting about 10 milliseconds and they come in a variety of shapes and sizes that range from a jellyfish to an hourglass to a picket fence.

What is not known about sprites is even more intriguing to scientists. Why do only some storms produce sprites? Why are sprites observed only when a thunderstorm produces positive lightning strokes, never during the more common negative

strokes?

Scientists are also trying to determine if sprites carry electrical current upward and, if so, what happens when that current reaches the ionosphere. Finally, what impact, if any, do sprites have on our atmosphere and are they a threat to aircraft or orbiting satellites.

It is a fascinating new branch of meteorology that will keep scientists busy for years. Just the fact that something like sprites was only discovered 10 years ago is still a bit unsettling to some researchers.

"Hundreds of these sprites occurred each week for centuries and we know nothing about them," said Edgar Berring, a leading sprite researcher from the University of Houston. "What else is out there that we don't know about?"

There may be other weather phenomena waiting to be discovered but, at the moment, scientists have more than enough on their plate with research into sprites.

Chances are this new form of lightning will keep researchers busy for many years to come.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist for WPEF-TV.

Jones graduates from Naval Training Center

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Anthony A. Jones, son of Arthur L. Jones of Belle Glade, recently graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island.

Course studies include leadership and management techniques, communication skills, national security affairs, management of Navy resources, Navy topics and physical readiness.

Expert speakers from various fields provide students with insights on contemporary issues such as defense economics, stress management and international relations.

Petty Officer Jones joined the Navy in August 1980.

Unforgettable, The Nat King Cole Story comes to PBCC's Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center

Unforgettable, The Nat King Cole Story, a new musical based on the incredible life and music of a phenomenal talent, comes to PBCC's Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

Unforgettable is the story of Nat "King" Cole. The son of an Alabama preacher, this soft-spoken jazz pianist became a worldwide singing sensation. He was a beloved superstar whose appeal transcended the boundaries of race, culture and geography. In Unforgettable, authors Clarke Peters and Larrington Walker use Cole's music to journey from his piano-playing days in dives and honky-tonks to his breakthrough contract with Capitol Records and his glory days in television and on world tours.

Intervened are the incredible songs for which Cole is

famous: hit songs like "Mona Lisa," "Route 66," "Paper Moon," "Too Young," "Besame Mucho," and many more.

Monroe Kent III headlines Unforgettable as Nat "King" Cole, his beloved valet Sparky, and a host of other characters. His stellar reviews in London's West End during the first production of this show won him that role in the United Kingdom and Far East tours. This is the first North American tour of this sensational musical.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the Box Office at 561-992-6160.



Nat King Cole

The Life Cycle and Mechanics of Addiction

By Clark Carr

President Narconon International

Whether or not a person is genetically, biochemically, or otherwise predisposed to alcoholism or other drug addiction is a controversy that has been debated for years within the scientific, medical and chemical dependency communities.

One school of thought advocates the "disease" concept, which embraces the notion that addiction is an inherited disease and that the individual is permanently ill at a genetic level, even if he or she experiences long periods of sobriety.

Another philosophy argues that addiction is a dual problem consisting of a physical and mental dependency on chemicals, compounded by a pre-existing mental disorder (i.e. clinical depression, bipolar disorder, or some other such mental illness). This viewpoint puts forward that the mental disorder needs to be treated first as the primary cause of the addiction.

A third philosophy subscribes to the idea that chemical dependency leads to "chemical imbalances" in the neurological system.

The fact remains that although there may be research data supporting all of these concepts, none of these theories is absolute. Based on surveys of thousands of alcohol and other drug rehabilitation program graduates, we have a national recovery rate of between 16 and 20 percent.

The message is clear that we have a lot more to learn if we are to raise the national recovery rate to a more acceptable, desirable level.

In addition to the above three viewpoints of addiction, there is a fourth school of thought which has proven to be more accurate. It has to do with the life cycle of addiction. This data is universally applicable to addiction, no matter which hypothesis is used to explain the phenomenon of chemical dependency.

The life cycle of addiction begins with a problem, a discomfort or some form of emotional or physical pain a person is experiencing. The person finds this very difficult to deal with.

Here is an individual who,

like most people in our society, is basically good. He has encountered a problem or discomfort that he does not have the ability to resolve. This could include a problem such as difficulty "fitting in" as a child or teenager, anxiety due to peer pressure, identity problems, or divorce as an adult. It could also include physical discomfort, such as broken arm, a bad back, or inability to sleep.

The person experiencing the discomfort has a real problem. He feels this problem is a major life situation that is persisting, and he can see no immediate resolution or relief from it.

We have all experienced such things in our lives to a greater or lesser degree. The difference between which one of us becomes an addict and which one does not depends on whether or not, at the time of this traumatic experience, we are subjected to pro-drug or alcohol influences via some sort of significant peer pressure. The painkilling or emotion-dulling effects of drugs or alcohol becomes an acceptable solution to the discomfort because the person using alcohol or other drugs experiences relief from the negative feelings associated with his or her problem. As soon as the addict experiences relief from the discomfort, he inadvertently attaches "value" to the drug or drink. It helped him feel better. Even though the relief is only temporary, drug or drink is adopted as a solution to the problem. This assigned "value" is the only reason the person ever uses drugs or drinks a second, third or more times.

From this point forward, it is just a matter of time before the alcohol-drinking or drug-using person loses the ability to control the alcohol or drug use.

No matter at what stage of "self-control" the person may feel he is at, once he or she has started using alcohol or other drugs regularly for their "relief value," he is somewhere on the road called "addiction." Addiction is not the destination. Addiction is the whole road.

Hernandez ranks in top 20 in Academic Games

R.J. Hernandez, son of Gilly and Nizi Hernandez, was one of the top 20 players in the Palm Beach County Academic Games Social Studies division.

R.J. is a ten-year-old sixth grader at Glades Day School. Elementary students throughout Palm Beach County competed during a four week period. The Social Studies division consisted of Mr. Presidents, Current Events, and the Colonization of North America (1513 to 1770).

The Glades Day team (R.J. Hernandez, Day team (R.J. Hernandez,

Barhoush, LeAnna Robison, Robby West, Devon Edwards, and Coleman Sample) finished 13 out of 41 schools.

R.J. Hernandez, Diana Seider Williams, Gove Elementary, was the Glades Coordinator.



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